



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 6577

**A bill to express the consent and approval of Congress
to an interstate compact regarding water resources
in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 30, 2008

H.R. 6577 would provide Congressional consent and approval to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin. The compact—entered into by Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec—would ban new diversions of water from the basin, subject to certain limited exceptions. No federal funds would be used to approve or implement the compact. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6577 would have no impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 6577 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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